(b) whether Government have estimated the time given to activities of ruling party, B.J.P. and other political parties in the country on these media during the month of November, 1994;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to issue necessary guidelines for the proportionate coverage of these political parties in news on Doordarshan and AIR; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. This information is not kept in a centrally compiled form.

(d) and (e) Guidelines are issued by the Government from time to time. Activities of various political parties are covered in the news bulletins strictly on the basis of their news value and newsworthiness.

Reservation in Allotment of Export Quota

*187. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether pursuant to the spirit of Clause (4) of Article 16 of the Constitution it is the policy of Government to provide for reservation of posts and opportunities in the State services for backward classes and weaker sections of society, and by way of providing self-employment opportunities by extending low-interest loans and credits;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not granting reservations for the weaker sections including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in the allotment of export quota by the Apparel Exports Promotion Council; and

(c) whether Government have taken note of the fact that with liberalisation of economy job opportunities in 'State' services as contemplated under Act 16(4) are shrinking considerably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) The Garment and Textile Export Entitlement Allotment Policies (Quota Policies) whose primary objective is maximization of the foreign exchange earnings, provides a framework for allocation of garment/textile quotas in a non-discriminatory and transparent manner. The exporting units which are eligible for allocation of quotas, have different types of organisational structures like proprietary concerns, partnerships, private limited companies, public limited companies etc. It is not possible to have a meaningful reservation policy in export quotas. As such, Government have not provided for reservation in favour of weaker sections including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward classes in the matter of allotment of quotas. Government would examine the possibility of having a meaningful reservation in the export quotas.

Mahila Udhyam Nidhi

*188. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some financial assistance has been extended for women entrepreneurs on minimum promoters' contribution and equity type of assistance under the 'Mahila Udhyam Nidhi';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether new tiny and small scale units (whose cost of project does not exceed Rs. 20 lakhs) excluding margin for long term working capital alongwith working capital under single window scheme has also been introduced;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the amount allocated and released to Gujarat and Maharashtra under the 'Mahila Udhyam Nidhi Scheme' during the last three years, year-wise: and

(f) the items reserved for these units in the State of Gujarat and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has been operating Mahila Udhyam Nidhi (MUN) Scheme to provide equity type of assistance to women entrepreneurs for setting up new industrial projects in the Small Scale Industrial (SSI) sector. All new industrial projects in the SSI sector as also service activities which are eligible for finance as per SSI norms and set up by women entrepreneurs are eligible for assistance under the scheme provided the project cost does not exceed Rs. 10 lakhs. Assistance under the scheme is in the form of soft loan to meet the gap in the equity after taking into account the promoters' contribution to the project subject to a maximum of 15% of the project cost. No interest is levied on the soft loan but a nominal service charge of 1% per annum is payable annually. The repayment of assistance under MUN is required to be made in 10 years including a moratorium upto five years.

(c) and (d) SIDBI has been operating Single Window Scheme (SWS) since its inception under which composite assistance for fixed assets and working capital is extended to units in the SSI sector by the same agency. At present, the unit in the SSI sector with total project outlay upto Rs. 50 lakhs are covered under SWS. Apart from new units in tiny and SSI sector, assistance under the scheme can

also be extended for modernisation/technology upgradation of existing well run units and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units.

(e) The assistance sanctioned by SIDBI under MUN Scheme in Maharashtra and Gujarat during the last three years is given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Maharashtra			Gujarat		
	No. of Units	Sanctions	Disbursements	No. of Units	Sanctions	Disbursements
1991-92	26	16	10	16	12	5
1992-93	37	35	8	—	—	—
1993-94	15	12	2	—	—	—

(f) SIDBI has reported that no items have been specifically reserved under the scheme and all the eligible units in tiny and SSI sector are covered under SWS.

Telephone Facilities in Pauri Garhwal

*189. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state :

(a) how many villages of district Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh, have been connected with telephone services during the period 1993-94, the details thereof ;

(b) how many villages would be connected during 1994-1995 ;

(c) whether Government propose to provide STD facilities to those villages which have been connected with telephone services during 1993-94 ; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) During the year 1993-94, 98 villages had been connected with telephone services. The details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) 150 villages have been planned to be connected with such facility during 1994-95.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, STD facility is being provided progressively subject to technical feasibility. No targets have been fixed as such.

Statement

Names of Village in District Pauri Garhwal (U.P.) Connected with Telephone Services during the period 1993-94.

Sl. No.	Name of village
1.	Ralay
2.	Malana
3.	Siggadi
4.	Bhimsenpur
5.	Padaripur
6.	Borgaon
7.	Mawakot
8.	Puchhmijandichaur
9.	Saklan
10.	Ghata
11.	Sindhikhal
12.	Phasula
13.	Sricotkhal
14.	Gularmalla
15.	Binjoli
16.	Lomali Bugar
17.	Nankot
18.	Kuirali
19.	Gahad
20.	Khakra
21.	Khakra
22.	Narkota
23.	Tunkhaya
24.	Pokhari
25.	Rakhuri
26.	Jakhli
27.	Jakheti
28.	Dharkot
29.	Matkunda
30.	Dhaund
31.	Sisairi
32.	Kolri
33.	Dhagu
34.	Ghanshyali
35.	Kamedi
36.	Dumela (Malla)
37.	Dumela (Talla)
38.	Gudega
39.	Garkot
40.	Nalkhana
41.	Ghadiyal
42.	Bedkhal
43.	Nakuri